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Personal Mention

Brethren Eikenberry, Oberholtzer and Burnworth were away over Sabbath preaching at their several appointments.

The comments on the work of the Ashland City church by Brother Miller, the pastor, show that the church is alive and progressing. Eight have recently been added to the membership.

Something to keep constantly in mind: Brother Cassel's report of the progress of the canvass for the Chicago church building. Brethren, you intend to give something; why not do it now?

We regret to learn that on account of sickness Brother Beachler will not be able to be in school this term. His physician advised him not to take any work in school at least for several months.

Brother Keller has reasons to be encouraged with the progress of the work in his field of labor. We, too, can testify to the excellencies of the sermon on "A Forceful Church," for it was our privilege to hear it at our late National Conference, and it was the verdict of the whole audience that it was a splendid effort.

The readers of the EVANGELIST will be glad to hear once more from Sister Detwiler, president of the Sisters Society of Christian Endeavor. There is talent among our sisters to keep an interesting department in the EVANGELIST, and they ought to do it; but it should be remembered that Sister Detwiler cannot do it alone. She needs your help.

The young men of the College recently held a meeting to consider the advisability of organizing a Young Men's Christian Association. The meeting was presided over by Prof. Furry, who was instructed to correspond with the State Secretary in reference to the movement. Thus the work of the young people is widening and the outlook is enlarging. Again and again we are reminded as we come in daily contact with the young people of the

College, of the great power for good they will be some day both in the church and in the State.

A postal card from Dr. D. L. Shaver announces the serious illness of Brother E. B. Shaver. It is a case of typhoid fever. Brother D. L. Shaver is the son-in-law of Brother E. B. Shaver, and a very able physician. We trust that with God's blessing and the efficient treatment which Dr. Shaver is sure to give, we may soon hear that his patient is convalescent.

"The Church Paper in Every Home," by Brother Teeter, was read by him at the late National Conference and by motion ordered published in the EVANGELIST. The paper is an excellent one, and deserves the most careful reading of all who are interested in religious literature, and more especially in their church paper. It is a well written, thoughtful article.

Brother Lyon reports another accession to the Washington Mission. That Washington Mission is rather more lively than many older congregations, for if not daily, it seems that they are weekly adding to their number such as are being saved. Brother Haskins is engaged in revival work with Brother Lyon, and with these two consecrated men of God we shall expect some great things from the National Capital. May God grant it.

Brother Miller writes enthusiastically of the Indiana State Conference, and well he may. It was a glorious meeting and resulted in great things for the Lord and for the church. When the message from Brother Miller was read at the College chapel exercises on Thursday morning, clapping of hands was heard, accompanied by a noise which Sister Livy Lichty describes as the sound of one shouting "cheese, cheese," etc.

The Students' Volunteer Mission Band, under the leadership of Brother Furry, is doing excellent work. The meetings are deeply spiritual as well as interesting and instructive. Here the young people are trained and developed in proper methods and the real purpose of missionary effort. The young people who go out from Ashland College will have the real missionary spirit developed in them, and their zeal for missionary enterprise will not be without knowledge.

Brother J. A. Myers reports three accessions to the church at Millersburg, Iowa, making a total of thirteen for the summer. He speaks in terms of praise of both the National and the Waterloo Conferences, and feels that hereafter he must not miss either a State or National Conference. That is just the way we want hundreds more of our brethren to feel. Brother Myers, after the Illio-kota Conference, went to Deep River, where he engaged in revival work. He will report later.

In response to the appeal thru the personal columns of this paper in behalf of brother A. E. Shrum our boy brother Hugo Paul Wise who never misses an opportunity of doing good, sends one dollar to assist Brother Shrum in his straightened circumstances. Accompanying the remittance of the one dollar was a sweet letter to the editor. Brother Hugo is doing good work in school, and we rejoice to know is looking forward to the time when he will be in Ashland College. For this he is preparing.

We are in receipt of a neatly printed card which Brother Yoder uses with success in his work among his churches. On one side is a schedule of all the services, Sabbath and week days, with a very pretty invitation to members and others to attend all these services, assuring them of a hearty welcome. On the other side are some Gospel truths

with references and instructions to mark them in the Bible. Brother Yoder has found printer's ink a great help in his work, and for that reason he is not using it sparingly.

Sister Snyder, Glover's Gap, West Virginia, is much interested in the mission work of the Brethren church. She finds great comfort in reading what others have to say thru the columns of the EVANGELIST, and feels that she is not a stranger to those whose productions she is permitted to read in the paper. It is one of the features of the church paper that makes it indispensable to consecrated church members that it brings them in touch with the thought and spirit of those who would otherwise forever remain strangers to them.

Last week a 'phone message called for Brother Miller to come to Southern Ohio in the interests of several German Baptist churches, whose membership has been contemplating for some time a change of relationship. Brother Miller not being at home, Brother Marcus Witter went in his stead. A message from him announces that a large membership is in the transitional period from German Baptists to Brethren. Upon his return we hope to be able to report some interesting news thru the columns of the EVANGELIST.

Brother Darling closed his work in Pittsburg last Sabbath, and on Tuesday morning took his leave of the city enroute for California. Having been a former student at Ashland College, he stopped off at this place and spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with friends here. His visit was appreciated. He expects to spend three weeks at his home in Dallas Center, Iowa, then turn his face toward the Golden Gate. Brother Darling labored for the space of three and a half years with the Pittsburg brethren, and during this time they had their seasons of joy and gladness and sorrows and trials. His work in the city was one of untiring zeal, loving and unfailing devotion, and he leaves the people stronger for having been with them. He is one of the promising young men in the Brethren church, has before him bright prospects and a large field of usefulness. May the Lord grant him strength for the work to which he has been called in the far west.

We do not think that Brother Cassel properly interprets the saying of President McKinley—"It is God's way; his will be done, not ours." We have heard of but few ministers who, in their sermons, maintained that the shooting of President McKinley was the will of God, or that any other crime is the will of God. There is another side to the question. Without intending to institute a comparison between the death of the president and the death of the Lord Jesus (God forbid that we should do that), yet we ask, "Was it or was it not God's will that Jesus should die?" In one sense it was his will, for under the condition of things as they then existed, and as they exist to this day, that was God's way of the salvation of the world. But so far as the crime is concerned, that was not the will of God. We do not believe that it was the will of God that the president should be shot, but when fatally wounded, it certainly was God's way that he should die rather than interfere with the laws of nature, or in other words to work a miracle. It was God's way to permit the wound caused by the assassin's bullet to take its natural course.

We take the following from the *Pittsburg Times* of October 14: Rev. Roger E. Darling, pastor of the First Brethren church, Fiftieth and Dearborn streets, preached his farewell sermon yesterday. He took for his text II Cor. 13: 11: "In this world we only meet to part. We have come to the closing hour, and we must sever our relationship as